

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all previous listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A girder for a scaffold, the girder comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at least one end face; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ provided with uprights and girders, characterized in that each girder at least one  
end face is integrally provided with a coupling means for element integrally attached on  
said at least one end face, said coupling element configured to detachably couple coupling  
the girder to a smooth tube part of the of a scaffold upright.
2. (Currently amended) The girder of A scaffold according to claim 1, characterized in  
that wherein said coupling element means of the girder comprises a tube clamp to be  
detachably connected to a detachably connect to a smooth tube part of a scaffold upright.
3. (Currently amended) The girder of A scaffold according to claim 1, wherein said  
girder comprises a central axis and wherein a plane (H) intersects said girder along said  
central axis, said girder further comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ characterized in that at least one said coupling element is means of the girder is  
substantially located on one respective side of a—at least after assembly in the scaffold—  
horizontal said intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder.
4. (Currently amended) The girder of A scaffold according to claim 1, characterized in  
that each wherein said coupling element means is provided with an integral comprises a  
connecting body which is integrally undetachably connected to the respective girder.
5. (Currently amended) A scaffold according to The girder of claim 4, wherein said  
girder comprises a central axis and wherein a plane (H) intersects said girder along said  
central axis, said girder further comprising: characterized in that at least one  
\_\_\_\_\_ said coupling element is means of the girder is substantially located on one a first  
respective side of a—at least after assembly in the scaffold—said horizontal intersecting

plane (H), ~~which plane (H) intersects the girder, and a relatively large part~~ first portion of the connecting body of ~~each said coupling element means is located at on the same first~~ side of said intersecting plane (H) ~~as the respective coupling means and a second portion of the connecting body is located on a second side of said intersecting plane (H),~~  
wherein said first portion extends farther from said at least one end face than said second portion.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to The girder of claim 4, characterized in that each~~ wherein said connecting body is of substantially a solid design.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to The girder of claim 4, wherein said girder comprises a central axis and wherein a plane (H) intersects said girder along said central axis, said girder further comprising:~~ characterized in that at least one  
said coupling element is ~~means of the girder is~~ substantially located on one respective side of ~~a — at least after assembly in the scaffold — horizontal~~ said intersecting plane (H), ~~which plane (H) intersects the girder, and each~~  
wherein said connecting body is designed for keeping a space extends a predetermined distance (S) between from the respective girder end face and an oppositely located upright clear, which space (S) is destined for a part of a coupling means of a different girder to be coupled to that upright at substantially the same height.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to The girder of claim 4, characterized in that each~~ wherein said connecting body extends at least partly in a respective end into the end face of the respective girder.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to The girder of claim 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting body fits into the girder with ~~relatively little or no clearance.~~

10. (Currently amended) The girder of ~~A scaffold according to claim 4, characterized in that the connecting body is designed such that the~~ wherein a distance (L) between the end

face of the girder and an outer side of the an upright located in said coupling element, after assembly, is less than approximately 5 cm.

11. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 1, characterized in that the girder is integrally provided at both end faces with further comprising first and second end faces and wherein a respective coupling means element is coupled to each end face for coupling the girder to uprights.

12. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 11, characterized in that at least one wherein said girder comprises a central axis and wherein a plane (H) intersects said girder along said central axis, said girder further comprising:  
said coupling element means of the girder coupled to the first end face is substantially located on one respective side of a — at least after assembly in the scaffold — horizontal said intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder, and the two coupling element means of the girder are integrally attached to the second end face is located on an opposite sides side of said intersecting plane (H).

13. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 1, characterized in that each wherein said coupling element means comprises a half cross-coupling.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended) A method for building a scaffold comprising uprights and girders, each of said girders comprising first and second end faces, wherein said uprights and girders are coupled to each other, characterized in that at said end faces, the girders are integrally provided with attached to a coupling element configured to detachably couple means for coupling the girders to a smooth tube part of a scaffold uprightthe uprights, wherein a base for a scaffold floor is set up at a desired height via the following steps, ~~to be carried out in suitable order:~~

a) uprights are erected at desired positions; and

b) at the desired height, girders are coupled to smooth parts of the uprights via the respective coupling elements ~~means~~.

16. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 2, characterized in that at least one wherein said girder comprises a central axis and wherein a plane (H) intersects said girder along said central axis, said girder further comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ said coupling element is ~~means of the girder is substantially located on one respective side of a — at least after assembly in the scaffold — horizontal~~ said intersecting plane (H), which plane (H) intersects the girder.

17. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 9, characterized in that the girder is integrally provided at both end faces with wherein said girder comprises first and second end faces wherein a coupling means for element configured to detachably couple to coupling the girder to uprights a smooth tube part of a scaffold upright is provided at each of said first and second end faces.

18. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 9, characterized in that each wherein said coupling means element comprises a half cross-coupling.

19. (Currently amended) ~~A scaffold according to~~ The girder of claim 12, characterized in that each wherein said coupling means element comprises a half cross-coupling.

20 and 21. (Canceled).

22. (New) The girder of claim 1, wherein said coupling element is integrally attached to said at least one end face by thermal clamping.

23. (New) The girder of claim 1, wherein said coupling element is integrally attached to said at least one end face by gluing.

24. (New) The girder of claim 1, wherein said coupling element is integrally attached to said at least one end face by welding.